

FEAR OF THE LORD

Daily Meditation – Wednesday October 16, 2024

When discussing the fear of God I am referring to a healthy reverence and/or respect of Almighty God. The Book of Proverbs is considered wisdom literature and its principle author was Solomon. Solomon is said to have been the wisest man to walk the planet other than Jesus Himself.

The key word in Proverbs is wisdom. Wisdom gives an individual the ability to live life successfully. Living a godly life in an ungodly world is not always an easy task. The theme of Proverbs is, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” The Bible says, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Pr. 1:7).¹

Second, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Pr. 9:10).

And lastly, “In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and his children will have refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death” (Pr. 14:26-27).

If an individual does not have a healthy fear and respect for the Lord, they will not spend time in his Word and will not receive Godly wisdom. They may receive worldly wisdom but the Bible says worldly wisdom is demonic. Here’s the difference between the two.

The Bible says, “This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy” (Jas. 3:15-17).

Nicholas Duncan Williams, an apostle of strategic prayer, stated, “If you fear God you will not fear anything. If you don’t fear God you will fear everything.”

SCRIPTURE READING: James 3 / Isaiah 29:13, 23

¹ All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins and I confess you raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!